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#### The Tattler.

Mr. Nattinger, of the Ottawa Times, usu ally very correct in his statements and an editor well versed in a knowledge of the politicians of Illinois, fell into the error of publican party because of their "free trade announcing the nomination by the republican senatorial caucus of " John V. Farwell" to the position of United States Senator, instead of Charles B. Farwell, a brother of John V. The two men are very much unlike. They hold but three things in common. viz : wealth, dry goods and republicanism John V. is very devoted to Sunday school interests and The Young Men's Christian Associations of the State, while Charles B. is quite as well known as an expert poker player. When a member of congress he had quite as extended a reputation as a successful manipulator of eards as did Schenck, of Ohio, when minister at the court of St. James. It is not related of him that he is it by any mere party consideration. inclined to be devout, and he probably is not, for religion and poker playing are two things that illy go together.

congress is Senator Thomas M. Bowen, of reformer through and through. At such to win more than any member of either impossible to tell whether he has "four aces" contents of a "jack pot," unless he willingly loses. Some of his friends maintain that he never allows a man to go from his room a loser, and that after winning from his opponents, intentionally loses back to Crem the amount of his gains. More than this, he always furnishes his guests with the finest liquors and best brand of cigars. It will be a very interesting encounter when upon the green. It will not be "Greek meeting Greek;" but the "tug of war" in opening a "jack pot" will 'to quite as terrific as the fabled engagements between the ancient worthies who each year met in the Olympian games.

bers of that party a sense of shame and re gret. It will be difficult for the republican rich man-one willing to contribute liberally Rugland, who term themselves "realistic," question, "Why did you select him?"

by the republican representatives at Spring than "words-words-words"-unmeaning field was the one made by the democrats. Wm. in themselves and ill arranged. R. Morrison is not a rich man, but he is a representative of his party. His whole from his work entitled "Leaves of Grass"course in and out of congress has been that most authors would say "blades" rather than of a man having at heart the peoples' good. 'deaves' of grass, though it passes for poetic If the ideas advocated by him have not as thought, is a trifle discordant and can hardly yet been fully adopted by the political be classed as beautiful poetry or even comparty to which he belongs and by the public, mon place prose. The poet is singing of the loss is theirs, not his. Some day, and himself and thus breaks forth. that day is not far distant, a thorough re. then Mr. Morrison will see the complete fru- what is man any how? What am 17 What are ation of his labors. The cause has grown

since first he advocated it, and is today stronger than ever before. The defeat of its Else it were time lost listening to me. acknowledged champion by means as unholy as the cause, to promote which they were employed, has not retarded the efforts of those who believe in it, but instead, quick ened them to greater real and earnestness The day of a fostering "tariff tax" is rapidly going by. The "infant industries"-infants at an age that make them almost century plants-must soon stand upon their own feet or fall. The injustice of taxing the many to enrich a favored few must soon give way to the truer principle of equal right and justice to all men. When we shall reach a point in our history where the people think with care and earnestness upon public ques. surfibers errors are liable to occur, and we take tions the problem now in hand will be quickly and satisfactorily solved. Taxing a after we should have received payment please notify us. people rich is an absurdity so great that the We are even more anxious than you to have the account wonder is the people have so long believed in it Their having done so is but proof that THE PERE TRADER may be obtained at the following they have never given the matter serious

> By the way, Jehu Baker, the member elect from Mr. Morrison's district, lectured in Chicago recently for the benefit of a strugling church. The morning papers note the fact that but sixty people were present to hear what Mr. Baker had to say on "America's Place among the Nations," -a showing that is very creditable to Chicago's citizen.

late election is hardly of such a character as to make him popular with right thinking vania Volunteers. The petition, after set

of articles on the necessity of reforming our turiff system, and Meditl, who edits the Chicago Tribuns, should get out of the reheresies." Mr. Boltwood doubtless will He is too honest in his sense of right to remain long with a party that teaches and practices such a system of economics as that which is taught and practiced by the party of the Times' choice. A tariff system which is so unjust as to cause the few rich to lay by greater store and the many poor to grow more poverty stricken, is a system that can hardly hope to receive the endorsement of a man who believes in laws that are at least approximately equal is their operation. Mr. Boltwood views the question which he is so ably discussing as a purely business one, and as such is not influenced in the handling of

As for Mr. Medill. No thank you, Mr. Nattinger! The tariff reform people do not want either him or his paper. His belief in Speaking of poker playing calls to mind a reform of the tariff is simply theoretic that the most expert poker player now in When there is no near election he is a tariff Colorado, who plays oftener and is reputed time he is not unlike the Pharisee in the Savior's era. He takes a very conspicuous house. He has all the essential qualities of place in the tariff reform synagogue and a strictly good player. His face, when his make exceedingly long prayers for the hand is full of cards, is an utter blank, and amelioration of his people, praying for the from the expression on it, it is absolutely a's lishing of unjust taxes, but it's all that he "may be seen of men." Just let a campaign or "a pair of dences." He is nervy-bets open and Mr. Medill, forgetting his tariff with vim, and seldom fails to rake in the reform prayers, prays longer and louder for the election of that prince of protective robbers, Mr. Blaine. Mr. Medill may love the people and really desire their good, but his affection for the "man from Maine" is so much greater that he willingly proves a lack of honesty in his pronounced belief by his more pronounced actions.

Mr. Nattinger, your kindly offer to give to us Mr. Medill is appreciated, but the drain Senator Bowen meets Senator Farwell on your generosity is so great that you will pardon us if we decline the proffered gift with thanks.

The indiscriminate pensioning system which has seized hold of congress is bringing forth some curious applications. The latest one to attract attention is a bill intro-Returning now to Mr. Farwell's election, duced by Representative Lovering of Massa. the question arises why should be be sent to chusetts to place Walt Whitman upon the the United States senate to represent the rolls at a monthly pension of twenty five people of this great state? In no sense is he dollars. In introducing the bill the gentlea great man. He is not a man who has ever man from Massachusetts stated that Whitman contributed anything to the people's fund of had not made the application, but that it political knowledge. It is not recorded that was at the suggestion of a member of the in congress (for he served two terms) he family that he had interested himself. The ever performed any act that indicated him ground of asking the pension is not that to be possessed of the talents of a statesman. Whitman is suffering from any disability, the frien ship for him as a man, but as well be-He drew his salary-he played poker-he result of any military service the was a hosvoted always with his party. It is true no pital nurse at Washington and in Virginia and to President Cleveland, and, morever, question has ever been raised as to his fealty from 1862 to 1865), but because of his liter. his appointment would be a recognition of to the republican party, but the republican ary attempts, which, to say the least, have the young democracy of the state. party is hard pressed when it must confess not been profitable. It is true that Whitman Mr. Farwell to be its most distinguished rep. is now very poor and suffering from disease, resentative north of the Springfield line, and a pension on account of his labors in The confession is not a creditable one, and northern hospitals might not be out of the when carefully thought over must bring to way, but to grant it to him in recognition of the minds of the sincere and honest mem his poetic talent would be unspeakably absurd.

It may well be doubted whether Walt representatives at Springfield to tell just Whitman has any great genius as a poet why they selected Mr. Farwell, unless they True, his productions are admired by a cerfrankly admit that it was because he is a tain school of poets and their followers in to future campaigns in this state. Such an but outside of these few and an equally small explanation may justify their course with number in this country who have given them. the strict party men of their party, but selves over to English ideas, the "good gray with those upon whom the obligations of poet's," so they term him, verse is neither party rest lightly it scarce will answer the greatly read nor admired. Much that Whit. man has written is absolutely unintelligible. His most ardent admirers cannot fathom the In marked contrast to the selection made meaning of it. It is nothing more or less

For instance the following extract, taken

"Who goes there? bankering, gr-ss, mystical form in the tariff will be brought about, and How is it I extract strength from the beef I eat;

"All I mark as my own you shall offset it with

"I do not snivel that snivel the world over.

That months are vacuum and the ground but wallow and fifth.

Whimpering and truck ing fold with pewders for invalids, conformity gives to the fourth-ring well.
wear my natural planes indoors or out."

So too much that he has written is coarse ly vulgar. Swinburne is often times sensuous but his sensuousness is refinement itself a compared with the vulgarity of Whitman He does not go out of his way to choose phrase that will call to the imagination picture that is disgustingly filthy-a thing that the man leanyson names as "the first of American poets" delights in doing Want ing in polish in his literary style, without beauty in his poetic thoughts lacking refinement in the choice of words with which clothe the thoughts which in themselves icken a mind that seeks in verse the tender ness and delicacy of feeling that is wanting n the most exalted prose, it is indeed trange that such a writer can draw to him self even a meagre few who willingly do him

The proposition looking to the pensioning of Whitman on account of his paeric talents. ealls to mind a petition recently presented to the senate by Senator Mitchell in behalf of one Sarah A. Kelley, residing at Hones dale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, widow Mr. Baker's notoriety gained through the of Horace Jackson Kelley, late of Company C. one hundred and seventy sevents. Pennsyl ting forth the fact that her husband was drafted into the Union army; that he was The Ottawa Times suggests that Mr. Bolt honorably discharged, but became insune wood, who is writing a valuable series from disease contracted in the service and which resulted in his death, concludes as

I do further set forth that your petitioner has literary attainments of no common or der; that she takes great delight in writing poems and songs. A large volume now written she would be glad to publish had she National Bard," and her greatest ambition s to be the "National Bard." I would. act of congress making me the "National tight" Bard," with an annual salary or pension as a soldier's widow. SARAH A. KELLEY.

It seems that Mrs. Kelley has published the creaking of stable doors and the crowing of chanticleers. There is a marked similari ty between her efforts and those of Julia A. Moore, "the sweet singer of Michigan," both as to subject matter and literary diction. Mrs Kelley is as wild a worshipper of untamed nature as Mrs. Moore, and both are realistic to a degree that puts the most realistic effort of Whitman to the blush.

Despite all this merit on the part of the Pennsylvania songstress, her application to be appointed the "Nation's Bard" has not been kindly treated by the senate committee singer must rest content with seeing the bur- in the bud, you'll know what to do. nished thoughts of her heart and brain published in the columns of some obscure week. ly paper in Pennsylvania-unendorsed by National sanction.

If the members of the house committee to which the Whitman bill has been referred prove to be as unsusceptable to the influence of sweet poetry as their brethren in the senate, Mr. Lovering's bill will share the fate of Mrs. Kelley's petition.

The retirement of Hon, Alfred Orendorff from the position of Chairman of the State Democratic Committee takes from the committee a very efficient man, and one having at heart the best interests of the party. Mr. Orendorff is a good representive of the young element of the democracy of Illinoisan element that in the coming political contests will be a most importnant factor. He has throughout the whole course of President Cleveland's administration been his warm supporter and ardent admirer. His admiration of the President's policy has not been lessened by the fact that his name has been mentioned in connection with several offices and the President has not seen fit to appoint him to either of them. His democracy is not of that stamp. We confess that we have indulged the hope that Mr. Orendorff would be selected for some important post of duty, not alone because of our warm cause we know he would prove an important

There is evident need in Chicago for active work on the part of that traditional person, "the fool-killer." A young lady, Miss Clara Van Zandt, once a student at Vassar, has taken it into her head that to make her life one bright and continued blazon of sunshine she must wed Augustus Spies, the anarchist, who is now in the Cook county iail, under sentence of death for having committed the crime of murder. Miss Van Zandt saw Spies during his trial and her sympaunder the direct management of Captain report concurred in, Black, counsel for Spies. The wedding ceremony was to have been performed by County Judge Prendergast, who it seems was willing to lend himself to such folly.

We suggest that "the fool-killer" rap Sherid Matson is entitled to the sincere stead of by the legislatures as at present. thanks of sensible people for his course in the matter. THE TATTLER.

A cotemporary, innocently asks, "Is it it is impossible.

## The Gossiper.

The rinktum has vanished. The skatum has fled. The rolum is banished, The wheelum is dead. Tobog's now the daisy. That now rules the day; Let's tobog till we're crazy, Ri-tu-ral li la!

Now and then a "dude" makes his pecul ar business pay, as this fellow, for instance: Will S. Cummingham, who sometimes left hicago to participate in festivities at Aurora, has eloped with a girl and a couple of miltion of dollars. But it must be remembered

that he is the only lucky one out of a couple

of million other "dudes."

out about it.

A bold, bad boy in lows thrust a couple of plugs of tobacco into a big jug of whisky he found in the horse sheds during a church supper. And the next day the local physicians reported seventeen cases of ice cream poisoning, all men, and the poor women who made the ice cream cried their innocent eyes

A farm hand in La Moile, Ill., last week played up a gold watch that had been lost ver eighteen years .- Ex.

ment to careful plowing, but we condemn those who plowed "lust week," when the thermometer was from 15 to 200 below zero

The secretary of the treasury has decided | tence has the luty on cranks is forty five per cent. tion" amounting to probibition.

water from the "drunk" producing ingre by year, has been wiped out, and its organ, the means. While other governments have dent. This may be, but what is needed is to The Grange News placed on a paying basis. National Bards' this government has no suddenly extract the "drunk" from the By experience the pairons have learned to therefore, ask your honorable body to pass good is whisky that won't make a fellow tion for the protection of agriculture.

> Calhoun, the speaker of the house at Springfield, is not only a republican but a

> An exchange says that physicians are puz tled to account for the strange fact that when a young lady has an ear frozen, while out sleighing, it is always the left ear.

Is it impossible to teach girls how to whis le?" asks an exchange. It is if you will

Col. Plumb offers to distribute tobacco seed tion. free, among his constituents. If he will not, we are "agin him."

Col. Plumb received one vote for the U. S.

'Tis better to have loved and lost Than never to have loved at all.

State Grange, TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREE TRADER:

Thinking that the proceedings of the state ence assembled.

of agriculture a cabinet officer.

all necessary regulations for stamping out all contagious diseases of domestic animals, commensurate to the importance of the animal industry of the United States.

Another by the same demanded that congress do 10 change the present oleomargs. rine or butterine law until it has had a fair trial.

The report of committee on transportation, made by Chairman Armstrong, of La Salle county, endorsed the action of the National Grange, held at Philadelphia, last November, which endorsed the Reagan hill, inasmuch as it provides for enforcing its causes of complaint in the county or district before courts having jurisdiction over the same. It also provides that stations between competing points shall not be discriminated against, and that the railroads shall post up their rates of passenger and freight charges. Report adopted.

The committee reported adversely on the senate or Cullom bill, on the ground that it created a new court or railroad commission thetic heart went out to him to a very mark- of inquiry, in which the party aggrieved has ed extent. This pleased Augustus, and if no voice in creating. Such inquisitions it had not been for a very sensible sheriff, have long since been discarded by republi-Matson by name, who forbade Miss Van can forms of government, and would not Zandt the jail, the young lady would now be now be acceptable to the people, who believe Mrs. Spies. The courtship and the details that they have the right to have their cases of the wedding, which did not come off, were tried by a jury of their peers. Committee's

The following was adopted: The free coinage of gold and silver by the government at actual expense.

To demand of congress to provide for an amendment to the constitution of the United Miss Van Zandt's parents, Miss Van Zandt, States so that United States senators shall be Captain Black and Judge Prendergast. Mr. elected by a direct vote of the people in-

The secretary was directed to copy all resolutions pertaining to national legislation and forward the same to our senator in conwrong to cheat a lawyer?" No my son, but gress, requesting him to urge their consideration and passage.

### The following resolutions were presented by J. S. Armstrong, of La Salle county, and

1st. That the legislature provide a law for taxing the increased value of chartered priv ileges doing business in this state, such as state banks, railroads, boards of trade and such like corporations, that have increased their capital stock many per cent, and in

some instances several hundred per cent. 24. That the legislature provide for the taxing of mortgages, the tax to be paid by the mortgagee, and receive two receipts, one for the person who holds the land and one covering the amount of the mortgage, to be taxed each in ratio to their value; the receipt covering the mortgage shall be an offset for the amount of said receipt in paying interest, and if it is of greater amount than interest due all above that amount to apply on principal of said mortgage

3d. That two professors be elected to assist the state superintendent of public instruction to revise the text books of schools which shall be the standard for five years.

4th. That the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners have outlived their usefulness and should be abolished.

5th That the board of canal commissioners and all other commissioners should be It might be a grand scheme to sow some elected on the minority representation in every unbroken field, as an encourage principle, the same as members of the legis burne are elected.

> 6th. The committee on insurance demand ed that the legislature do not tax mutual be nevolent insurance companies out of exis

The secretary was instructed to forward advalorem. On this article give us "protect- all resolutions relating to state legislation to the governor, requesting his excellency to urge legislation upon the same.

A New York chemist claims to have dis- I would say that the year just ended was covered how to extract the intoxicating prin- the most prosperous to the grange, financiple from liquor, so as to leave whisky with cially, of any year since its organization, all its medicinal properties, yet as free as Its debt, which had been accumulating year drinker. But, as an exchange puts it, "what take an interest in state and national legisla-

This session of the Illinois State Grange has been practical in demanding necessary legis atlon for the farmers, and showing our servants in legislative positions that the paa good many poems, and they all thrill with dentist and a preacher, and once lived in trons of husbandry are interested and will Seneca, in this county, where he preached a take notes of the proceedings of the present JOHN S. ARMSTRONG.

#### Constitutional Amendment. RANSON, Jan. 27th, 1887 .- MESSES EDI-

insert in your paper a few lines, being some general health is good and everybody thinks of the views which I new take of the constitutional amendment which was voted last only leave them alone when they get their lips puckered up. —Burlington Free Press. fall, I was surprised to learn the amendment The secret's out. Now we know why so was voted by a majority; so I resolved to many girls try to whistle and fail. Young investigate, and I find that half those who real estate in this county, as shown by the man, if a presty young lady trys to whistle voted for the amendment did not know what records, during last week: the petition has been spurned and the fair in your presence, if you wish to nip a whistle it ment. It was brought forward at a busy season of the year and the voters had not Bruce, an elevator and grounds in Marseilles. the time to give it the required considera- \$8,000.

Some claim they did not understand the make it cigars, we "are agreeable," but if nature of the amendment. All of us know it is not for the good of the people, especially Lots in sections 26 and 25, town 33, R. 4 the tax payer, to support men in idleness. \$1,000. Just think where you are drifting; think what a burden 1267 convicts will be to the Jackson. S.-E. 1 of 9, 30, 2. \$5,500. tax payers; and if they are allowed to remain in idleness. I think the number will be more likely to increase than to diminish. \$1,400. It is not wise to have the tax payer who has grange that was held at Bloomington, Jan. already a superabundance of taxes to pay, 11, would interest some of your readers, I support outlaws and thieves. If this constipropose to give my recollections of some of tutional amendment is carried into effect, it the most interesting measures as acted upon will impose an annual additional tax of three by that honorable body of farmers in confer. million dollars and as the number increases the taxes will increase also. Those convicts The first resolution offered by Hobson, of by having to work in the prison earn their Macoupin county, and passed, demanded bread and by working have a chance to learn that congress should make the commissioner a trade and become useful men. Now the only way the tax payer will have to do in The second resoultion offered by the same order to get rid of the burden of the convict and passed, demanded that congress should tax is to get the amendment revoked. Neimmediately make ample appropriation and cessity defends what it compels. Necessity is not restrained by law, since what otherwise is not lawful necessity makes lawful. A. P. BRADY.

> Since the organization of the Illinois Central Railroad Co. it has paid to the state of Illinois, being seven per cent. of its gross earnings, \$10,373,857. This was the result of the foresight of Senator Douglass and the true democratic doctrine as to railroad monopolies, which republicans have successfully opposed. They inaugurated and have ever since maintained the infamous scheme of sub sides, enormous land grants and the prodigious syndicate, credit Mobilier swindles, which have cost the people billions of money and acres of land twice as large as the original thirteen states which made our republic The Kankakee Gazette, a radical republican monopolistic organ, bewails this obligation imposed upon this princely monopoly, the Central Railway Co., and claims, "This sum has been virtually taken from the counties through which the road runs, and helped to reduce the state tax of the other eighty-five counties in the state." All of which is the veriest bosh. The Central and no other road in this state of like magnitude or half its length depends for its support upon way freights. If this is true, then, how infintely unjust that the other roads, built, enriched by enormous land grants pay no such tax. Douglas foresaw that railway companies after coining millions out of land grants would disclaim all obligations to the people and become enormous monopolies, endangering liberty itself. He imposed the seven per cent, tax upon this road and justly too. Let it not be disturbed.

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## From Iowa

BROMLEY, lows. Jan 22, 1887. EDITORS FREE TRADES -Permit me to inrude again on your time and columns with short reply to many questions to m triends n La Salte Co

Since writing last spring, we have passed brough the dryest season I ever witnessed. Since last April there has not been as much rain as we would commonly have in the month of May alone. Lots of corn after planting had not enough rain while plowing to lay the dust. Had one been cultivating corn all one way he could hardly tell where he left off, up till about the 20th of September. Then, we had one good rain that put the ground in good condition for plowing; and since then there has not been enough to start the water in the sloughs, and the winter so far has been without any to speak of-not more than 10 inches of snow all told. So as last season was the wettest, this was the longest of drough-two ex-

We raised this year as near as I can find out, on an average of 40 bushels of outs and 25 bushels of corn per acre. Some outs made 60 bu, and some corn 40 and 50 bu, but as this was raised without rain almost, it is conclusive evidence that the soil is capable of withstanding extremes of either wet or dry, The hav crop was good in quantity and quality, which is a great item here, with so much stock to wister

Water at present is in many places very scare, yet there are a great many drive wells being put down and are getting a good supply at a depth of 75 to 100 ft. The deepes I have heard of is 250 ft, and has water with

in 20 ft. of the top. Our winter has been full of blows. Last Sunday the 16th, and Monday the 17th, gave us a big blow and drifted snow batty, but the roads are all passable. The winters here as I have said before, are steadier than they were while I lived in La Salle Co., with a good dry atmosphere. We can stand 2 ° below zero for a week at a time. Stock do better with good sheds than they do in milder

and damper atmosphere. Stock at present is selling at a good price. Grain is high here, for there isn't enough to supply home feeding, and many feeders are shipping in from the western part of the state and from Nebraska. Corn now sells for 38 to 4) cts; oats, 23 to 25c; hogs, \$4 to \$4.25; cattle, good, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Land sales are not very numerous; what is changing hands sells from \$30 and \$35 to \$40, ac-Tons; If you will permit, I would like to cording to location and improvements. The

## THE COURT HOUSE.

RECENT REAL ESTATE SALES.

The following are the principle sales of John Harrington and others to James

John Gossman to Christian Gossman, Lots

in Peru. \$1,000.

Wm. D. Brown to Helen A. Richmond Wm. Herford to F. Kuhns and Isabella

Sarah Smith and Mary Potter to Samuel G. Dudgeon. Lots 8, blk 35, in Mendota-

Master in Chancery to Alvina Gage, N. N.W. 6, 35, 5, \$3,390.

Dennis Connell to Augustus Keep. N.W. 2, 31, 5, \$4,000. Thos. Oleson to Julia A. Reed. E. S.E.

21, 33, 4, \$2,000, James Anderson to Paul H. Cooper. Lands near Streator.

Thos. Gardnier to J. F. Crane. Bond for deed of N. S.W. 12, 34, 1. \$4,000. John Boer to Fred Koenig, \$1,500, E 70.

NES. 82. 1. James S Underhill to John Nicholson \$1,544. Pt lots 4 and 5, blk 1, Tonica.

Peter Howe to Charles Howe, \$1. E1 30,

30, 2, Peter Howe to Jerome Howe, 320 acres of sec 32, 30, 2, H. Brunner to John B. Schlageter, Und

lot 3, blk 10, original town of Ottawa. Sheriff of La Salle Co. to Lester H. Strawn. \$116.79. Lot 5, blk 84, La Salle.

M. M. Reeves to J. A. Gray, \$400. Lot blk 14 in Villa Park, Streator Fawcet Plumb to Elizabeth Flood, \$1,000.

Lots 5 and 6, blk 2, north side, Streator. Paulina Haeberle to J. Halladay, \$1,200. Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in blk 8, city's addition

Lovers of the beautiful in art and floriculture have in store a rich treat in the perusal of Vick's Floral Guide (Jas. Vick, Rochester, N. Y.,) for the year 1887. Each succeeding year brings great improvement in this popular annual, and the present edition is far in advance of previous issues in beauty of exterior, number and elegance of floral and vegetable illustrations, and the large variety of subjects thoroughly and practically treated. The title illustra tion, a bunch of pansies, and the page in colors of "Berder and Bedding Plants," are triumphs of chromo-lithography which have probably never been excelled, while the hundreds of smaller illustrations are true to nature and thoroughly described. The volume opens with a series of practical articles of great service to both amateur and professional gardeners, is followed by faithful illustrations showing the Intérior of the immense Seed House, and then by engravings of all the leading and rare varieties of flowers and vegetables, with directions for their culture. "No pains or expense have been spared in the production of this volume, and every effort has been made to render it worthy the reputation of its publisher, James Vick, Seed-

man, Rochester, N. Y."-N. Y. Tribune,